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1. ON 2/23/85 AT 0930 HOURS A BOMB EXPLODED AT MARKS AND SPENCER'S BACK ENTRANCE, 8 RUE DES MATHURINS, PARIS 9 ARRONDISSEMENT. A WATCHMAN WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED AND 17 PEOPLE WERE INJURED. THE WATCHMAN, MR. LEONARD ROCHA-CUSTODIO, BORN 12/20/45 AT SAO VICENTE, CAPE VERDE, A FRENCH CITIZEN, STATED BEFORE HE DIED, THAT UPON ARRIVING ON DUTY, HE SAW A LIGHT-COLORED PLASTIC BAG LYING AGAINST THE SECOND DOOR OF A SAS-GATE. WHEN HE REMOVED IT, THE BAG EXPLODED.
2. ACCORDING TO THE BOMB SQUAD THE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WAS

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OF 200 TO 400 GRAMS OF UNDETERMINED EXPLOSIVES. NO SCRAPS OR REMNANTS OF A FUSE OR DETONATOR WERE FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE.

3. MARKS AND SPENCER, A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY UNDER BRITISH OWNERSHIP HAS ALREADY SUFFERED 2 PREVIOUS BOMBINGS WHICH ONLY RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING. THE FIRST ONE WAS ON 2/7/76, AND WAS CLAIMED BY "REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY", THE SECOND WAS ON 5/4/81 AND WAS NOT CLAIMED BY ANY GROUP.

4. THE BOMBING OF 2/23/85 WAS CLAIMED BY THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- A. ON 2/23/85 AT 1130 HOURS A TELEPHONE CALL TO AFP, PARIS STATED. QUOTE. ICI LE COLLECTIF INTERNATIONAL DE LUTTE CONTRE LE CHOMAGE. AFIN D'ANEANTIR LES FORCES DU POUVOIR, FORCES CAPITALISTES ET IMPERIALISTES, NOUS REVENDIQUONS L'ATTENTAT DU BOULEVARD HAUSSMAN CONTRE LE MAGASIN MARKS AND SPENCER. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. HERE IS THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIVITY FOR FIGHT AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT. SO AS TO ANNIHILATE THE FORCES OF THE POWER CAPITALISTIC AND IMPERIALISTIC FORCES, WE CLAIM THE ATTEMPT OF BOULEVARD HAUSSMAN AGAINST MARKS AND SPENCER STORE. END OF QUOTE.

- B. ON THE SAME DATE AND THE SAME TIME, A TELEPHONE CALL TO FRANCE-SOIR NEWSPAPER, A MALE CALLER DELIVERED THE SAME MESSAGE IN THE SAME WORDS.

- C. ON THE SAME DATE AT 1400 HOURS, A TELEPHONE CALL TO FRANCE-SOIR NEWSPAPER, A MALE CALLER, SPEAKING GOOD FRENCH, WITH A CLEAR VOICE, STATED. QUOTE. ICI ACTION DIRECTE. NOUS REVENDIQUONS L'ATTENTAT CONTRE MARKS AND SPENCER AU NOM D'ACTION DIRECT, GROUPE MC 42. END OF QUOTE. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. ACTION DIRECTE CALLING. WE CLAIM THE ATTEMPT AGAINST MARKS AND SPENCER, IN THE NAME OF ACTION DIRECT, MC 42 GROUP, END OF QUOTE. NOTE: THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST VERBAL-OR TELEPHONE-CLAIM BY ACTION DIRECT.

- D. SAME DATE, AT 1500 HOURS A TELEPHONE CALL TO AFP PARIS, THE CALLER REQUESTED A STENOGRAPHER AND STATED. QUOTE. EL FATAH COMMANDEMENT REVOLUTIONNAIRE REVENDIQUE L'ATTENTAT CONTRE MARKS AND SPENCER. END OF QUOTE. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. EL FATAH, REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND, CLAIMS THE ATTEMPT AGAINST MARKS AND SPENCER. END OF QUOTE.

- E. SAME DATE, AT 1430 HOURS; A MAN CALLED THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS BY DIALING "17" HE SPOKE WITH A WEST INDIAN ACCENT AND STATED. QUOTE. ICI INSTANCES DUE 8 ARRONDISSEMENT. L'ARMEE REVOLUTIONNAIRE CARAIBE REVENDIQUE L'ATTENTAT MARKS AND SPENCER POUR L'INDEPENDANCE DES ANTILLES. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. HERE IS THE 8TH AUTHORITIES. THE CARRIBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ARMY CLAIMS THE MARKS AND SPENCER ATTEMPT FOR THE ANTILLES INDEPENDANCE. END OF QUOTE. NOTE: THE CARRIBEAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IS KNOWN AS CARRIBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE AND NOT THE CARRIBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ARMY.

- F. ON 2/25/85 AT 0020 HOURS A TELEPHONE CALL TO TERREP DEPT FOR SY/CC/TAG; FRANKFURT FOR ADS; SANTO DOMINGO FOR RSO

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AFP, MARSEILLE, A MAN STATED. QUOTE. ASALA, EN SOLIDARITE AVEC LES FRERES ARMES QUI SONT JUGES ILLEGALEMENT.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. ASALA, IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARMED BROTHERS WHO ARE PRESENTLY ILLEGALLY TRIED. END OF QUOTE. THE CALLER WAS AN ADULT WHO SPOKE VERY RAPIDLY WITH A MARKED MIDDLE-EASTERN ACCENT.

- G. ON 2/25/85 AT 1315 HOURS A TELEPHONE CALL TO AFP, LYON, A MAN CLAIMED THE BOMBING IN PARIS IN THE NAME OF QUOTE. ORDRE NOUVEAU-ORDER NOIR. UNQUOTE. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS IS: QUOTE. NEW ORDER-BLACK ORDER. UNQUOTE. HE STATED THAT THEY WILL CONDUCT NEW ONES. HE ALSO REQUESTED THE RELEASE OF **KLAUS BARBIE**, THE WAR-CRIMINAL PRESENTLY DETAINED IN LYON.

NOTE: THE IRA ISSUED A DECLINATION DATE AND TIME NOT RELEASED VIA A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, LONDON, AND TO THE AFP, DUBLIN. QUOTE. IRA HAS NEVER CONDUCTED ANY MILITARY OPERATIONS IN FRANCE. END OF QUOTE. GALBRAITH

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